

ABSTRACT

XIA YEN is a distinctive new evergreen holly distinguished from all other forms of *Ilex* known to me in that it combines a unique combination of desirable landscape and production traits from *Ilex opaca* and *Ilex cassine*. Plants have distinctive lustrous leaves, produce an erect narrow symmetrical crown without extensive shearing, and have the environmental tolerances of the *Ilex opaca* parent. Xia Yen is being marketed bearing the DIXIE STAR HOLLY trademark.